



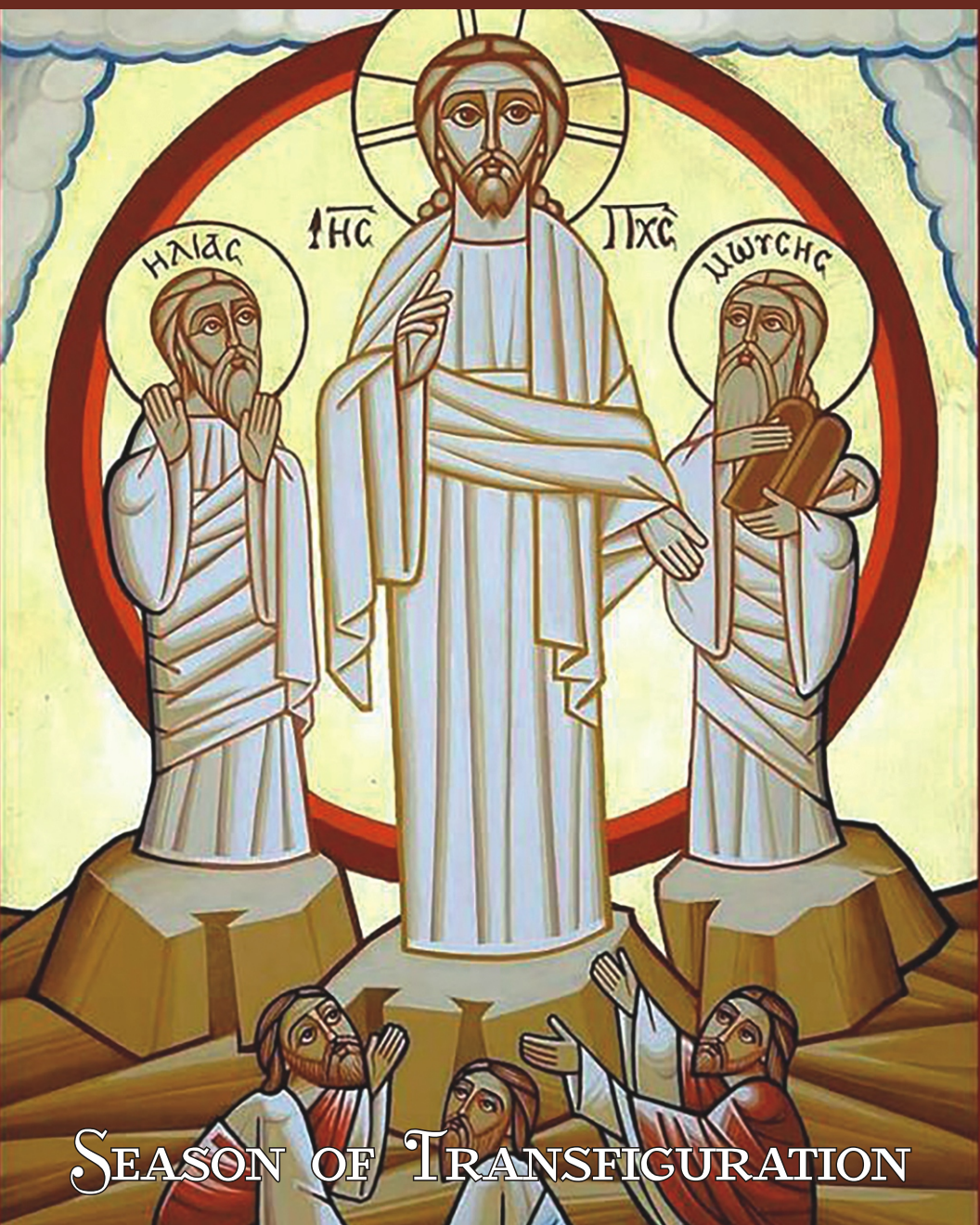
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as the Church Celebrates the Feast of

St. John Maria Vianney,
the Patron Saint of Priests.



BETHANY ASHRAM

Order of the Imitation of Christ



**Congratulations to all Bethanians as Bethany Ashram
celebrates her Foundation Day on August 15 thus marching
ahead to its Centenary Year.
(1919-2018)**



**Happy Independence Day and
Happy Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Mother of God.**

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VOICE OF THE EXARCH

Dear All,

Greetings and blessings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! May the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, whose feast of Assumption into heaven we celebrate this month on 15 August, intercede for us all!



I am happy to note that the month of July 2018 was a blessing for all of us. In the memory of our Father-in-Faith, Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios, we were blessed abundantly, as individuals, parishes, communities and as a Church. From all parishes and ecclesiastical districts our faithful in large numbers joined the *padayatra* in Kerala to the tomb of the Servant of God and celebrated the feast of commemoration with utmost piety and spiritual fervor. This enhances our faith-living. To commemorate the same more extensively and obtain the blessings, each of our ecclesiastical districts organized padayatras on July 22 or 29. These padayatras enable us spiritually to walk in the footsteps of our beloved Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios, to emulate his holy life, to sanctify us in his holy memory and renew our life both personally and as a Church. May God bless all organizers and the participants of the padayatras!

As a resolve and as a sign of grace of the *Ormaperunal* of Mar Ivanios, I urge you to continue to pray incessantly to God to bring to fruition at the earliest, the cause of canonization of the Servant of God Mar Ivanios. Secondly it was the great desire of Mar Ivanios to work for the Evangelization of India. Let us commit ourselves to all the works of evangelization and mission that our Exarchate has undertaken and plan to undertake, through the intercession of the Servant of God. May God continue to bless us!

15 August 2018

15 August is important for us in three aspects: It is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven; it is the birthday of Bethany Ashram founded by Mar Ivanios for achieving the realization of God through ascetic life as a power house to evangelize India; it is the independence day whereby we remember the political liberation of India from the colonial

powers.

The Assumption of Mary into heaven is a symbol of human liberation from sin and death. Mary as the mother of Jesus partook in His economy of salvation for the redemption of the world. Consequently she is the first one, who redeemed by Jesus, shares in the grace of the resurrection of Jesus and is received into heaven, body and soul. She is a symbol of the glory that we human beings are destined to share with Jesus in the kingdom of heaven. Mary is a symbol of the ultimate human liberation!

Bethany Ashram is celebrating her 99th birthday and is entering the centenary year! It was on 15 August 1919 that the Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios founded “the Order of the Imitation of Christ” which he also named “Bethany Ashram.” A hundred years of existence in the path of God realization through ascetic life imbibing the genius of Oriental Christian monastic life and Indian *sanyasa*, to serve the Church, especially the Malankara Church in its attempt of Reunion of all St Thomas Christians and thus make her an instrument of Catholic communion and evangelization! The Malankara Catholic Church was born in the bosom of Bethany. The founder and the first members of Bethany nurtured her! The centenary year is an occasion to celebrate and thank the Lord for all the goodness showered on Bethany and for making Bethany an instrument in His hands to serve the People of God. It is also a time of renewal and rededication for the young generation of Bethany to imbibe the original spirit and to serve the Church, especially the Malankara Catholic Church, in the contemporary world. Together with the Exarchate of St Ephrem I wish all a Blessed Centenary Year of the foundation of Bethany!

As India celebrates its 71st Independence Day, every Indian can proudly say, *mera Bharath mahan*, my India is great! That has been India always! A proud nation of a primordial and unique culture alongside plurality of heritages, languages and people. India is a vast nation stretching from the Himalayas in the north to Indian Ocean in the south “with Vindhya, Himacahala, Jamuna, Ganga” and with “Punjab, Sindh, Gujarath, Maratha, DravidaUthakalaBenga...” with a vast variety of natural wonders and geographical diversities. Yet, it is one nation! Thank the Father

of the Nation! Thank the leaders who won independence for us! Thank the constituent assembly that codified the Constitution of India! Thank the statesmen of post-independent India! All noble souls with noble ideologies and noble life! Democracy, the rule by the majority without denying the legitimate interests of the minority and other people with different ideologies, is the mentor of modern India! India has surged high in the field of science, technology and financial prosperity, all though, a vast majority lies still below poverty line! India is an uncrowned super power! However, an antidemocratic wind of intolerance, with a whirl vision of making India a nation of one people, one race, one caste, one religion, blows across the country. It threatens to tear the seamless fabric of our national life. The rule of law gives way to mob lynching... intolerance, persecution, nepotism, facism... are on the rise! India, my glorious nation, where are you heading to...? May God protect India! May the Deva Matha, the Mother of God, pray for the Bharatha Matha!

Orientation Programmes in the Exarchate

My dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ! We all know that, as an Exarchate we are progressing. We do our best to progress in our faith-life. We do our best to progress as a missionary Exarchate, we do our best to increase our vocations to religious life and priesthood. We do our best to put in place the necessary infrastructure. But we have miles to go before ... After the first meeting of the reconstituted Pastoral Council of our Exarchate, imbibing the recommendations of the Council, we have tried to organize all sectors of our Exarchial life. We conducted the Sunday School Teacher's training programmes in all our ecclesiastical districts. We conducted or are conducting the orientation programmes for all pastoral council and parish council members in all our ecclesiastical districts. Similarly Mission Meet was organized to coordinate the work of all those directly engaged in evangelization. The activities of our associations are streamlined.

Sunday School Day

On 5 August we are celebrating Sunday School Day. I wish all our children be formed in Jesus Christ. I hope awareness programmes

are conducted in all our parishes.

The Exarchial Convention

As decided in the last Pastoral Council, preparations have begun earnestly to convene an Exarchial Convention that will include all groupings of our faithful the parents, the youth, the children, the *Suvisesha Sangham* and all our associations. Under the patronage of the Apostolic Exarch, a core committee has been formed and other further Committees are being formed. The venue is Pune Mar Ivanios Nagar, St Ursula's School, Chinchwad. Please pray for the success of the convention.

Feast of St John Maria Vainney

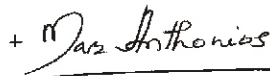
As the Church celebrates the feast of St John Maria Vianney, the patron of all priests especially the diocesan Priests, I wish all the festal greetings to all my brother priests in the Exarchate and entrust you to the intercession of St Vianney. I assure all my brother priests that I keep you in my prayers especially on that day. May our communion and the sense of *unnum presbyterium* in the Exarchate grow in love.

Concluding Benedictions

As you can imagine, I am writing to you from Zurich in Switzerland where I am now on a pastoral mission in a parish. It is an opportunity to meet some of our well-wishers and benefactors. I request all of you to pray for their intentions. This time, I see that two of our long time benefactors, who supported us with their prayers and offerings, have gone to their eternal home. May their soul rest in peace!

As I know that you are all praying for me, I am much strengthened, although weariness of the long years of the same work seem to take a toll in me! Continue to empower me with your prayers. I pray for you and I invoke on you and our families God's choicest blessings through the intercession of the Mother God who is assumed into heaven body and soul! God bless!

Your loving Aboon

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✠ **Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC**
Apostolic Exarch



**മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭ
സണ്ടേസ്കൂൾ ദിനം - 2018
വിശ്വാസപരിശീലനത്തിന് വേണ്ടിയുള്ള
സുന്നഹദോസ് കമ്മീഷൻ ചെയർമാൻ
അഭിവന്ദ്യ തോമസ് മാർ യൗസേബിയോസ്
തിരുമേനിയുടെ സന്ദേശം**

ബഹു. വൈദികരേ, സന്യസ്തരേ, അധ്യാപകരേ, മാതാപിതാക്കളേ,
പ്രിയ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളേ,

ഏവർക്കും ത്രിയേകദൈവനാമത്തിൽ വന്ദനം!

2018 ആഗസ്റ്റ് മാസം 5-ാം തീയതി മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭ സണ്ടേസ്കൂൾ ദിനമായി ആചരിക്കുകയാണല്ലോ. ഏവർക്കും പ്രാർത്ഥനയും ആശംസകളും. വിശ്വാസപരിശീലനകമ്മീഷന്റെ ചുമതല ഏറ്റെടുത്തശേഷം ആദ്യമായി ഞാൻ നിങ്ങൾക്ക് എഴുതുന്ന സന്ദേശമാണിത്. ബലഹീനനായ എന്റെ ഈ ശുശ്രൂഷയിൽ നിങ്ങളേവരുടേയും പ്രാർത്ഥനയും പിന്തുണയും ഞാൻ സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം അപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നു.

വിശ്വാസപരിശീലനദിനം ആഘോഷിക്കുന്ന ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ വിശ്വാസത്തിൽ നമ്മെ വളർത്തിയ ഏവരെയും നമ്മുടെ പ്രാർത്ഥനകളിൽ നമുക്ക് നന്ദിപൂർവ്വം സ്മരിക്കാം. വിശ്വാസപരിശീലന രംഗത്ത് സമർപ്പണ മനോഭാവത്തോടെ ശുശ്രൂഷ ചെയ്യുന്ന വൈദികർ, സന്യസ്തർ, മതാധ്യാപകർ, മാതാപിതാക്കൾ, ഇടവകാംഗങ്ങൾ തുടങ്ങി ഏവർക്കും ഹൃദയം നിറഞ്ഞ കൃതജ്ഞത അറിയിക്കുന്നു. 'യഹോവാ ഭക്തി ജ്ഞാനത്തിന്റെ ആരാഭമത്രേ' എന്ന സങ്കീർത്തനവചനത്തിന്റെ അരുഹിയിൽ തലമുറകൾ പരിശീലിപ്പിക്കപ്പെടുമ്പോഴാണ് വിശ്വാസവും ജ്ഞാനവും നിറഞ്ഞ ഒരു സമൂഹം നിർമ്മിതമാകുന്നത്. വിശ്വാസം ജീവിക്കുന്നതിനും സംരക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിനും കൈമാറുന്നതിനും വേണ്ടി ജീവത്യാഗം ചെയ്തവരുടെ മഹത്തായ പാരമ്പര്യമാണ് തിരുസഭയിൽ ഉള്ളത്.

പ്രിയപ്പെട്ട മതാധ്യാപകരേ, ദൈവരാജ്യനിർമ്മിതിയിൽ ദൈവം

നിങ്ങളെയും പ്രധാനശില്പികളായി വിളിച്ചു ചേർത്തിരിക്കുന്നുവെന്ന യാഥാർത്ഥ്യം എപ്പോഴും നന്ദിയോടെ ഓർക്കുകയും ദൈവം നിങ്ങളെ ഭരമേല്പിച്ച വിശ്വാസപരിശീലനദൗത്യ നിർവ്വഹണത്തിൽ ആത്മാർത്ഥതയോടും സമർപ്പണബോധത്തോടും വ്യാപരിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുവിൻ.

മാതാപിതാക്കളെ, വിശ്വാസപരിശീലനം കുടുംബങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നാണ് ആരംഭിക്കേണ്ടതെന്നും ആദ്യദൈവാലയം കുടുംബമാണെന്നും നാം മനസ്സിലാക്കുന്നുവല്ലോ. മാതാപിതാക്കളുടെ വിശ്വാസതീക്ഷ്ണതയും സുവിശേഷാധിഷ്ഠിതമായ ജീവിതവുമാണ് മക്കൾക്ക് മാതൃകയും മാർഗദീപവുമാകേണ്ടത്. എന്തും നേടുവാൻ, ഏതു മാർഗവും ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്ന ഒരു സംസ്കാരത്തിലാണ് നമ്മുടെ കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങൾ വളരുന്നത്. ദൈവഭക്തിയും പരസ്നേഹവും നിറഞ്ഞ മനുഷ്യമനസുകൾ കുടുംബത്തിലെ വിശ്വാസ ജീവിതത്തിലൂടെ വളർന്നുവരുവാൻ നാം സഹായിക്കണം. അതിനുള്ള ഊർജ്ജം ദൈവാലയങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും വിശ്വാസപരിശീലനവേദികളിൽ നിന്നും വി. കുദാശകളിൽ നിന്നും കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങൾക്ക് ലഭിക്കുന്നുവെന്ന് നാം ഉറപ്പുവരുത്തണം. ദൈവവചനങ്ങളും കൗദാശികാനുഭവങ്ങളും അജപാലനപരവും ധർമ്മികവുമായ സഭയുടെ ദർശനങ്ങളുമായിരിക്കണം നമ്മുടെ തലമുറകളുടെ മാർഗദർശനങ്ങൾ.

അതിവേഗം മാറ്റങ്ങൾക്ക് വിധേയമായിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതും ഏറെ സങ്കീർണ്ണവുമായ ഈ ആധുനികകാലത്ത് നമ്മുടെ വിശ്വാസ കൈമാറ്റം ധാരാളം വെല്ലുവിളികൾ നിറഞ്ഞ ഒരു ദൗത്യമാണ്. ഭൗതികതയുടെ അടിമത്തത്തിലും ആധിപത്യത്തിലും ചലിക്കുന്ന ലോകചിന്തകൾക്ക് വിപരീതമായി ദൈവമക്കൾക്കടുത്ത രീതിയിൽ ചിന്തിക്കുവാനും ജീവിക്കുവാനും സഹായിക്കുന്ന പ്രചോദനവേദിയായി മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാസഭ സണ്ടേസ്കൂൾ ദിനം തീരട്ടെ. പരമ്പരാഗത വിശ്വാസങ്ങളെ ചോദ്യം ചെയ്യുന്ന പല കാര്യങ്ങളും നവമാധ്യമങ്ങളിലൂടെ ഇന്ന് പ്രചരിക്കപ്പെടുന്നുണ്ട്. കത്തോലിക്കാ വിശ്വാസത്തിനെതിരായ പ്രചാരണമത്സരങ്ങൾ നിരന്തരം മാധ്യമങ്ങളിലൂടെ നടക്കുകയാണ്. എന്നാൽ നമ്മുടെ കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങളിൽ ശുദ്ധമായ വിശ്വാസവും നിർമ്മലമായ സ്നേഹവും നിസ്വാർത്ഥമായ സേവനഭിമുഖം

ദ്യവും പകർന്നു കൊടുത്തുകൊണ്ട് മനുഷ്യത്വമുള്ള, മനുഷ്യജീവനെന്നാണിരിക്കുന്ന ഒരു സമൂഹത്തെ കെട്ടിപ്പടുക്കുവാൻ മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭയുടെ വിശ്വാസപരിശീലനപ്രക്രിയയ്ക്ക് കടമയുണ്ട്. ഈ മൂല്യങ്ങളുടെ ആത്യന്തിക സാധ്യതയായി ഭൂമിയിലെത്തിയ യേശുവിന്റെ ശിഷ്യരെന്ന നിലയിൽ നമ്മുടെ വിശ്വാസപരിശീലനശുശ്രൂഷയെ യേശുനാമൻ പുനഃപ്രതിഷ്ഠിക്കാം.

ഈ വർഷവും പുനരെകൃവാർഷികത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് സഭാസഭകൾ കുട്ടികളുടെ സംഗമം മൂവാറ്റുപുഴയിൽ വച്ച് നടത്തപ്പെടുന്നു. സെപ്റ്റംബർ മാസം 20-ാം തീയതി ഞായറാഴ്ച രാവിലെ 9.00 മണി മുതൽ ആരംഭിക്കുന്ന എം.സി.സി.എൽ സംഗമത്തിൽ സഭാസഭകൾ കുട്ടികളും അധ്യാപകരും പങ്കുചേരണമേ.

നമ്മുടെ എല്ലാ ഭദ്രാസനങ്ങളിലും വിശ്വാസപരിശീലനവിഭാഗം വളരെ കാര്യക്ഷമമായി പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നു എന്നതിൽ ഏറെ സന്തോഷമുണ്ട്. ഈ ദൈവികദൗത്യത്തിൽ പങ്കുചേരുന്ന എല്ലാവർക്കും സഭയുടെ നാമത്തിൽ നന്ദിയും അനുഭോദനങ്ങളും അറിയിക്കുന്നു. നമ്മുടെ വരും തലമുറയ്ക്ക് നൽകാവുന്ന ഏറ്റവും വലിയ ദാനവും സമ്പത്തും ദൈവവിശ്വാസവും അതോടുകൂടുന്ന സ്വഭാവരൂപീകരണവുമാണ്. ഈ അവബോധം നമ്മിൽ കൂടുതലായി വളർത്തുവാനും ഈ ദൗത്യം ആത്മാർത്ഥമായി നിറവേറ്റുവാനും നമുക്ക് ശ്രമിക്കാം. മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭയുടെ വിശ്വാസപരിശീലനശുശ്രൂഷയ്ക്കും ശുശ്രൂഷകർക്കും ധാരാളമായ ദൈവാനുഗ്രഹം പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചുകൊണ്ട്,

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✠ തോമസ് മാർ യൗസേബിയോസ്

മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭയുടെ
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പട്ടം, തിരുവനന്തപുരം

N.B. ഈ സർക്കുലർ സഭാസഭകൾ ദിനമായ 2018 ആഗസ്റ്റ് 5-ാം തീയതി ഞായറാഴ്ച വി. കുർബാനമദ്ധ്യേ നമ്മുടെ എല്ലാ പള്ളികളിലും മിഷൻ കേന്ദ്രങ്ങളിലും വായിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

NOTIFICATIONS FROM CHANCELLERY

I. Ascription of Fr Mathew Joel

Rev Fr Mathew Joel Charivuparambil, formerly a priest of Bethany Ashram (OIC), has been ascribed as priest of this Exarchate after having received the Indult of leaving the religious life from the Holy See through Bethany Ashram. He shall continue to be Vicar of Mathikare parish and Proto Presbyter of Bangalore Ecclesiastical District.

II. Acceptance in to the Exarchate during Exclaustration Period

Rev Fr Michael Dara C.P.P.S. of the Congregation of the Missionaries of Precious blood has been accepted into the Presbyterium of the Exarchate for three years after having received the Indult of Exclaustration from the Moderator General of the said Congregation. He will reside at Samrakshana Ashram along with Fr Joseph Vattaparambil and will assist in our missions in Andhra and Telangana states.

III. New Appointments

- A. Exarchial MCA and Mathrusangham Director: Fr Joseph Menakalieekal OIC has been appointed as the Exarchial Director of MCA and Mathrusangham. He replaces Fr Varghese Valikkodath.
- B. Fr Abraham Thanuvelil (Fr Santosh) has been appointed as the Local Director of Khopoli Project and Local Manger of St Mary's School, Khopoli. He shall be

resident at Khopoli.

- C. Fr Abraham Thanuvelil (Fr Santosh) has been appointed Parish Priest of Chinchwad parish in Pune Ecclesiastical District.

IV. Higher Studies

- A. Fr Joseph Venmanath has successfully completed his LLM from Savitri Bhai Phule Pune University. He was a student of ILS Law College, Pune. Hearty Congratulations dear Father.
- B. Rev Fr Varghese Valikkodath is going to do higher studies in Spirituality from Angelicum University, Rome. All the Best dear Father.

Department of Catechism

a. Bangalore Sunday School Orientation Camp

The second orientation session for the Catechism teachers was held on July 7, 2018 at Bangalore, it was attended by teachers from Bangalore, Chennai and Hyderabad. His Excellency Thomas Mar Anthonios, OIC addressed the teachers. Rev Fr Philip Pulipra conducted the orientation session followed by group discussions.



b. Sunday School Day

Malanakra Catholic Church celebrates Sunday School Day on August 5, 2018. All Parishes must celebrate the day meaningfully.

C. Catechism Syllabus

The first semester syllabus for the academic year 2018-19 is available at the catechism website www.Exarchate.online

Malanakara Catholic Church News

a. Feast of the Commemoration of Servant of God Mar Ivanios

The Annual Padayatra and commemoration of the Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios was held in a solemn manner from July 9 -14, 2018. The main padayatra from Perunad to Pattom was devoutly held in which huge number of pilgrims participated. Similar Padayatras from Moovatupuzha, Thiruvalla, Mavelikkara, Parashala and Marthandaom dioceses were held which eventually converged with the main padayatra at Pattom. There was dhoopa prathna, candle procession and apostolic blessings given on the evening of July 13 as the padayatra reached the tomb of Mar Ivanios. The solemn Qurbana on July 14 was led by His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cleemis Catholicos together with all the Bishops of MSCC. His Eminence Rainer Cardinal Woelki, Archbishop of Cologne Archdiocese, was the Chief Guest for the Celebrations and delivered the homily.

b. Malankara Church Level *Suvishesha Sangham* Kaiveppu Service

54 new members were commissioned into the fifth batch of the Malankara Church level *Suvishesha Sangham* on July 13-14, 2018 at Pattom Cathedral during the feast of the commemoration of Servant of God Mar Ivanios. The preparatory retreat, confession and prayers were held on July 13 at the Catholicate center. After the evening Prayer at St Mary's Cathedral, Pattom the service of Kaiveppu was held wherein the new members took the oath to live a life of the Gospels. During the solemn Qurbano on July 14, the new members were given Holy Bible and Candle by His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cleemis Catholicos and His Eminence Rainer Cardinal Woelki.

MAR IVANIOS PADAYATRA- 2018



Exarchate Padayatress to Tvm.



Exarchate Padayatress at Tvm.



Padayatra Tvm.



Padayatra, Pune District



Padayatra, Pune District



Padayatra, Pune District



Padayatra, Chennai District



Padayatra, Bangalore District

MAR IVANIOS DAY, THIRUVUANATHAPURAM



Candle Procession



Holy Qurbano



New Church Level Suvisheshsa Sangham Members

KOINONIA-2018; EXARCHIAL RELIGIOUS MEET



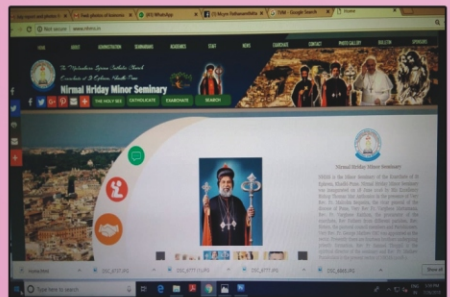
Inauguration of Mar Gregorios Public School, Chennai



Inauguration of St. Thomas School, Nashik



Inauguration of Minor Seminary Website





**Sunday School Orientation
Camp, Bangalore**



**Sunday School Orientation
Camp, Chennai**



**Sunday School Orientation
Camp, Pune**



**MCYM Yearly Planner
Inauguration, Kalewadi**



Parish Feast Cultural Eve, Chennai



**Bapatla Mission Visit,
MSCC Hyderabad**



Bapatla Mission Pilgrims with Bava Thirumeni, Trivandrum

Exarchate News**a. Padyatra to the tomb of Servant of God Mar Ivanios**

The annual pilgrimage to the tomb of Servant of God, Mar Ivanios has been a spiritual journey for all the Malankarites. As always this year also the Exarchate members participated in large numbers. There were 47 padyatris for the 5 day padyatra and 145 participants for the one day padyatra from all the different regions of the Exarchate. On July 13, 2018 there was Holy Qurbono at the tomb together with the Padyatris from Gurgaon Diocese. The event was co-ordinated by district and Exarchial MCYM teams.

b. Exarchial Mission Meet

A meeting of all the priests, sisters and lay missionaries working in the various mission fields of the Exarchate was held on June 29 at the Bishop's House, Khadki-Pune. The meeting was chaired by Most Rev. Bishop Thomas Mar Anthonios, OIC. Msgr Rev Fr. Varghese Mattaman, Vicar General and Rev. Fr Stephen Chempakathoppe, Director of the Exarchial Missions coordinated the event. There were representatives from Bapatla, Kamagiri, Igatpuri, Warje and Bopkhel missions. The meeting began at 6.30 pm with a prayer concluded at 8.30 pm followed by supper. Members shared the concerns and situations that are prevailing in the missions and ways to march ahead with a renewed zeal.

c. Exarchial Religious Meet- Koinonia-2018

The Exarchial religious meet christened 'Koininia' was held on 30 June, 2018 at Bethany Ashram, Ramwadi, Pune. 12 religious priests, 26 sisters and 17 brothers participated in the meeting. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Exarchial Commission for Religious. The meet began with a Solemn Holy Qurbono celebrated by the Most Rev. Bishop Thomas Mar Anthonios, OIC. Rev. Fr George Ayyanethu OIC, Rector and Superior of Bethany Ashram, Ramwadi welcomed the gathering. Most Rev. Bishop Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC delivered the keynote address. Rev. Fr Geevarghese(Shajan) Kuttiyil OIC to deliberated on Religious

and Mission in the context of the Malankara Catholic Church. This was followed by group discussions, report presentations and clarifications. In the afternoon there was an Open Forum which was a platform for a fruitful interaction between the religious and the Bishop. Various issues faced by the religious, the relation between Church authorities and religious etc were discussed. The meeting concluded at 3 pm with the final benediction by the Bishop followed by tea. The meeting was coordinated by Rev. Fr Thomas Bijily, OIC along with Rev. Sr Krupa SIC. The members were gifted with a copy of the Papal Exhortation 'Gaudete et Exsultate'.

d. Inauguration and Blessing of Mar Gregorios Public School (CBSE), Chennai

The Malankara Catholic Church in Chennai has put up a new stride in its commitment to quality education with the inauguration of Mar Gregorios Public School affiliated to CBSE board. The new school building was inaugurated on June 2, 2018 by Most Rev Bishop Thomas Mar Anthonios, OIC. The infant school has 202 students on its roll in such a short time. Inspector Krishnamurthy of Nollambur Police Station graced the occasion by his presence along with Rev Fathers, Rev Sisters, Parents and Teachers. Rev. Sr Seraphin DM is the Principal of the School and Rev. Fr Philip Pulipra is the Manger of the same.

e. Inauguration and Blessing of St Thomas School, Nashik

The inauguration of the much awaited School building of the newly erected St Thomas Malankara Catholic School, Nashik was held on 29 June, 2018. Most Rev. Bishop Thomas Mar Anthonios, OIC blessed the new building. Msgr Rev Fr Varghese Mattamana, Vicar General of the Exarchate, overseeing the construction as its Manger coordinated the whole event assisted by Fr Mathew Thazhethottathil. Msgr Rev Fr Selin Jose Konathuvila, Vicar General of the Eparchy of Parashala, graced the occasion. It was in his tenure that the school started. The blessing was followed by a public meeting in which Rev. Sr Suprabha SIC, Principal,

welcomed the gathering. The Bishop delivered the keynote address and felicitated all those who toiled behind the construction of the School. Principals of neighboring Catholic Schools, Rev Fathers from the Exarchate and the neighborhood, Rev Sisters from Nashik SIC convent, Parishoners of Nashik Parish, parents and teachers graced the occasion. Msgr Rev Fr Varghese Mattamana thanked the gathering. The meeting concluded with a high tea.

f. Mar Ivanios Padayatra

District level *Padayatra* in commemoration of Servant of God Mar Ivanios was held in Pune, Chennai and Bangalore Ecclesiastical Districts on Sunday, 22 July, 2018. In Pune the Padayatra commenced from St Mary's Cathedral Khadki after Solemn Qurbono, *dhoopaparthana* and a public meeting. Msgr Varghese Mattaman, Vicar General, led the Holy Qurbono and Padayatra ended at Bethany Ashram, Ramwadi.

In Bangalore, the Padayatra began from St Michael's School and ended at St Mary's MSCC, Hennur. Bishop Joshua Mar Ignathios celebrated the Qurbono at Bangalore.

In Chennai, the Padayatra commenced from St. George church, Ayyapakam and ended at Padi parish. 250 members actively participated in the padayatra. It was then followed by common Qurbono and a hearty lunch was served to all.

MCYM News

The identity card for the MCYM members of the Exarchate were distributed at Trivandrum after the Padyatra. It was distributed region wise. The MCYM exarchial body would like to appreciate Mr. Dixon Joseph, the MCYM exarchate Treasurer for executing this entire project of the ID card.



Nirmal Hriday Minor Seminary

a. St Thomas Day Celebrations

The feast of St Thomas, the Patron Saint of India, was celebrated in a solemn manner in the Seminary. His Excellency Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC visited the Seminary on that day and gave us the message of the day. There was an open interactive session with the Bishop and the Seminary community.



b. Website Inauguration

A website for the Seminary designed by one of her own son, Bro Joby John Keelathu (III year Philosophy) was launched on 3 July by Bishop Thomas Mar Anthonios, OIC. Bishop appreciated the entire Seminary Community for such a creative and effective endeavor to make the presence of the Seminary felt in the digital space. The website with the address www.nhms.in has been designed in such a manner so as to give a holistic idea of the entire life and formation process.

c. Padayatra to the tomb of Mar Ivanios

Fourth Year Seminarians participated in the annual pilgrimage-*Padayatra* of our Church from Ranny-Perunad to Pattom Cathedral. They actively participated and walked all the five days.

MCA and Mathrusangham Department

A meeting of the executive members of MCA and Mathrusangham of the Exarchate with the new Director is fixed on August 11, Saturday at 11 am at SMCC, Sakinaka, Mumbai.



OBITUARY



C M Thomas aged 74, member of St Mary's Catholic Cathedral Church, Khadki, left for his heavenly abode on 11th July 2018. He is survived by his wife (Cicilyamma), son (Sajan), daughter (Sini), son-in-law (Liju) and grandchildren. May his soul rest in peace.

Exarchial District News

Pune District

St Mary's MSCC, Warje

a. Welcome to Rev Brothers

As part of their pastoral formation Ashram Br. Jaison Simon OIC and Br. Henry Sam OIC from Bethany Ashram joined the parish to assist the Vicar in the parish pastoral activities. Bro Anit Francis from Papal Seminary also joined the group. In order to strengthen the Hindi language speaking brethren, Br. Henry was specially entrusted with their responsibility. The parish conveyed all their prayers and regards for the missionaries Rev. Sr. Stancy, Rev. Sr. Maria Glory, Br. Henry, Br. Jaison and Br. Anit will be rendering their service to the parish this year.

b. Visit by Rev. Fr George Mathew OIC

Former Vicar Rev Fr. George Mathew OIC visited the parish on the July 8 prior to his journey abroad owing to his further studies. Both the Holy Qurbana's for the day was celebrated by Fr George. The community was extremely delighted by his visit and wished him success in all his endeavors ahead.

St Mary's MSCC, Khadki

MCYM Activities

As part of the Annual Youth Programs, the youth will be having a prayer meeting and adoration every alternate month. The first prayer meeting was held in Jeswin John's house on June 30. The youth were also accompanied by few members of the Jesus Youth. As part of the fund raising program, parish MCYM decided to collect old newspapers and books from houses of our parishioners and sell them.

Holy Redeemers MSCC, Kalewadi

a. MCYM Yearly Program inauguration and SSC HSC Felicitation

The MCYM yearly program was inaugurated on June 17,

2018. It was inaugurated by Vicar Rev.Fr Robin Ettithadhathil OIC. He released the yearly planner for the year 2018-19. The MCYM also felicitated all the SSC and HSC students for their meritorious performance in the examination.

b. *Mathrusangam and MCA Yearly Program Inauguration*

The Mathrusangam and MCA yearly program was inaugurated on June 24, 2018. Rev Fr Robin Ettithadhathil OIC celebrated the Holy Qurbana. The day started with the Kazcha Samarpanam by the Mathrusangam and Pithruvedi members followed by the Holy Qurbano. After which the MCA felicitated all the SSC and HSC students.

c. *MCCL Yearly Program Inauguration*

MCCL yearly program inauguration was conducted on July 1, 2018. The Holy Qurbana was celebrated by Rev. Fr. George Mathew OIC. After the Holy Qurbana a small meeting was conducted by the MCCL members under the leadership of MCCL President Grist Raj. The MCCL Yearly program was inaugurated by the lighting of the lamp. Rev Fr.George Mathew OIC and Rev Fr Robin Ettithadhathil OIC released the yearly program for the year 2018-19.

d. *Quiz Competition on Mar Ivanios Pithavu*

The quiz competition for the catechism students was conducted on July 8, 2018 by Bro. Alen Thomas OIC and Bro. Sujo Koshy OIC during the general session. The quiz competition was conducted individually. On June 15, 2018 a quiz competition was conducted for the MCYM by the Brothers. The MCYM members were divided into two groups and the quiz was conducted accordingly.

Mumbai District

St Mary's MSCC, Sakinaka

a. *Sangarsh Donation Drive*

The Parish under the leadership of MCYM Sakinaka, successfully participated in a donation drive for Sangarsh- a school for differently abled children. MCYM members

collected an amount of Rs. 16,750 for the children and the same was donated to the Sangarsh Co-ordinator, Ms. Ruvina. As a token of gratitude, the children from Sangarsh gifted a special hand-made card to each of their contributor.

b. Dukhrono

Dukhrono, the feast of Martyrdom of St. Thomas, was commemorated on July 1, 2018. The day started with a Holy Qurbano celebrated by Rev. Fr. Mathew Thazhethothathil. Ms. Serin Varghese delivered a speech highlighting the life and works of St. Thomas after the Holy Qurbano. Later on *nerchapayasam* was served to all.

c. Parish level *Suvishesha Sangham* Meeting

The parish level *Suvishesha Sangham* meeting was held on July 11 where the newly elected parish level in charge welcomed the new vicar Fr. Mathew Pallikkunnel. The new vicar was briefed about the activities of the *Suvishesha Sangham* and the vicar even encouraged the members to continue some of them even in the coming year.

St Thomas MSCC, Borivali

a. Church Feast

Parish celebrated its annual feast from July 1 to 8. The feast day was inaugurated on July 1 by Most Rev Dr. Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC with the kodiyyettam. SSC and HSC students were felicitated by His Excellency. Family Counselling and adoration was conducted for the members of the church by Rev. Fr. Paul Vineet OIC and Rev. Sr. Santosh DM. Rev Fr. Paul Vineet OIC was the celebrant for Holy Mass & *Rasa* on 7 July. The main celebrant on July 8 was Rev. Fr. Mathew Praful OIC.

b. St. Paul's day celebration

St. Paul's day was celebrated by the parish on June 24 with the St Paul's prayer group of the parish taking the initiative for choir, altar service, and offerings. The group also sponsored a neercha lunch after the holy Qurbano.

St John the Baptist MSCC, Vasai

a. St Thomas Day

Dukhrono Qurbano was celebrated on July 3 at 7pm by Rev Fr Thomas Bijily OIC commemorating the Feast of St. Thomas. The members of St. Thomas prayer group led the choir services and offered the *nerchapayasam* for the day. Mrs Susan Mathew delivered a speech after the Qurbano and beautifully shared the life of St. Thomas. Parish extended festal greetings to its Vicar Rev. Fr Thomas Bijily OIC after the Qurbano.

b. Night vigil

Mathrusangam members under the guidance of Sister Bhavya SIC led the night vigil session along with fasting, intercession and prayers on July 5, 2018 as part of the devotion and fasting for the Servant of God Mar Ivanios

c. Mar Ivanios Day

The commemoration and memorial Mass for Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios was celebrated on July 15, 2018. During the homily the Vicar shared about the life and legacy of Mar Ivanios. The day could not end more beautifully without Respected Sister Bhavya SIC conducting a Quiz Competition on Mar Ivanios Pithave for MCCL, MCYM, MCA and *Mathrusangam*. Neercha was served later to all.

St Thomas MSCC, Thane

a. Church Feast

The feast of St. Thomas, the patron saint of the Parish, was celebrated from June 29 to July 3. The five day celebrations began with the hoisting of the flag followed by a gospel preaching by Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Kalaparambath. The Holy Qurbano was celebrated by the Proto Presbyter of Mumbai District Rev. Fr. Mathew Modiyil OIC. The Holy Qurbano on the second day was celebrated in the Syro Malabar Rite. The parish members from the neighbouring St. Thomas Syro Malabar Church participated in the Holy Qurbano. Rev. Fr.

Mathew Pallikunnel Celebrated the Holy Qurbano on Sunday 1 July which was followed by a *Rasa* and Agape. All the Sunday School students were felicitated on this day for their academic performance in the MCCL Examinations. The parish along with the *Mathrusangam* also felicitated the students who cleared the SSC and HSC Board Examinations. The feast concluded on July 3 with the Holy Qurbano and lowering of the flag.

b. Fathers' Day

The MCYM members celebrated Father's Day on June 17. They expressed their gratitude to all the Fathers with a thanksgiving prayer, group song and a talk on the importance and value of our reverend Fathers in our lives.

St Mary's MSCC, Khargar

a. Father's Day Celebration:

Parish MCYM celebrated Father's Day on June 17. Prof. K.V Thomas shared his views about how a Father son relationship should be and compared the relation between a Father and Son to that of God the Father and Jesus. It was followed by a Biblical dumb charade by MCYM and short message by Rev. Fr Mathew Modiyil OIC. The event ended by achen giving all Fathers of the church the bookmark of St Joseph Prayer.

b. Welcoming New MCYM Members and Congratulating X and XII Std Students

New MCYM Members for the year 2018-19 were officially welcomed to MCYM Group. The MCYM also took the initiative in congratulating and appreciating the X and XII Std students for passing the board examination with flying colours and wishing them a good career ahead.

Hyderabad District

a. MCYM District Senate - Annual General Meeting

MCYM Hyderabad conducted its AGM on July 9. The Senate was conducted in the presence of District Director of MCYM

Hyderabad, Rev. Fr. Blessen George OIC. The meeting was also extended as a leadership meet where unit office bearers were taken through session by District Animator Mr. Sinu Mathew on “Leadership in Youth”. Along with the session an insight on the upcoming Global, Exarchate, and district events were discussed.

b. Bapatla Mission Visit

MCYM Hyderabad initiated a step towards understanding and promoting the Mission work in the Exarchate. MCYM members undertook a one day visit to Bapatla Mission to witness the mission work and spend a day with the Telugu community. It was a wonderful experience for all the youth and elders to know about the Telugu community who are strong in faith and have a strong conviction towards being a good Christian. The team visited 3 villages and spent a day in praise and worship, action songs, and games. MCYM distributed around 1,500 books and stationery materials to the children and spoke to them on the importance of going to school.

Chennai District

St Thomas MSCC, Padi

Church Feast

The parish feast began on 24 June with the flag hoisting. Eucharistic adoration was conducted on 29 June by the Jesus Youth and the festal procession was held on 30. The Festal Holy Qurbano was celebrated on 1 July. The Qurbano was lead by His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Makarios, the Bishop of Puttur Diocese. Four Sunday school students received their first Holy Communion that day. An enthralling cultural event was organized in the evening in which Mrs Anu Chacko, the coordinator of Norka Chennai unit and the heads of NSS and SNDPI, were the Chief Guests. Perunal concluded on 3 July with the flag lowering ceremony.

Institutional News**MGC, Chennai****a. Academic Year Opening Day**

To exalt the spirit of the inspiration and aspiration, the Blessing Ceremony of MGC and MGPS for the academic year 2018-2019 was held on reopening day, June 18, 2018. The Holy mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Philip Pulipra, Secretary, at 7:00 am, followed by the Blessing ceremony at 8:30 am. Rev. Fr Philip Kaleeckal, Principal, Sacred Heart Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Padi, Rev. Fr. Maria Sobu, Vicar, St. George Malankara Syrian Catholic Church, Ayappakkam, Rev. Fr. Inigo and Rev. Dr. John Peter, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Social Work were present.

b. Workshop for TOT Life Skills

Department of Social Work in collaboration with YRG Care organized a two day workshop on June 22-23, 2018 for Training of Trainers in Life Skills. The sessions revolve around knowing oneself, communication and planning (facilitating and planning), handling relationships, emotions, substance abuse, reproductive health, decision making, problem solving, goal setting, nutrition and personal hygiene.

c. World Environment Day

Department of Social Work observed World Environment Day 2018 on July 6. The students sensitized the college community on preserving our environment through street theater. Daiso pouches, which comes in handy in the absence of dust bins and seed balls, which could inculcate the interest in gardening were also distributed to teaching and non teaching staff of the college. A pledge was also taken by the department to be the voice of the environment. Pots of water were placed in the corridor to quench the thirst and feed the birds and animals.

SEVA News**a. Western Region Labour Commission Meeting**

SEVA staff members participated in the Western Region Labour Commission Meeting organized by Workers India Federation (WIF) in Atma Darshan Centre, Mumbai. The issues of domestic and migrant workers was the focus of the meeting especially various steps that needs to be taken to protect the domestic workers from being exploited.

b. SEVA KIDS Academic Year Opening

SEVA KIDS Non Formal School at Sarvatravihar- Khadki, Pune reopened for the new academic year on June 17. A total of 35 kids got admission this year. As part of the inauguration the first letter writing ceremony of the students was held. Rev. Sr Yvonne, Society of Christ Jesus, from Pune was the Chief guest. In last academic year 15 students were promoted and admitted in different schools.

Important Dates to Note

01	: Beginning of 15 days lent
04	: Feast of St John Maria Vianney, Patron of Priests
05	: MSCC Sunday School Day
06	: Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord
15	: Assumption of Mary, Establishment Day of Bethany Ashram, Independence Day
19	: Social Justice Sunday
29	: St Euphrasia

Bishop's Diary

01-27 : Switzerland
28-31 : Pune

Hearty Welcome to the Priestly Koinonia of the Exarchate



Fr Mathew Joel



Fr Michael Dara C.P.P.S.

Congratulations and All the Best...



Fr Joseph Venmanath
(Successfully completed LLM)



Fr Varghese Valikkodath
(Going For Higher Studies in Rome)



Fr Joseph Menakalieekal OIC
Exarchial MCA and Mathrusangham
Director



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